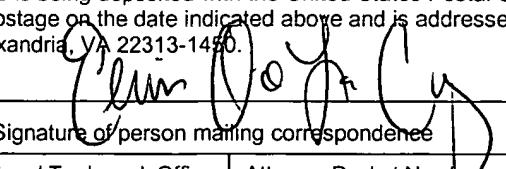


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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NUMBER	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED
PCT/EP03/02538	March 12, 2003	March 12, 2002
TITLE OF INVENTION:	ESTER DERIVATIVES OF HYALURONIC ACID FOR THE PREPARATION OF HYDROGEL MATERIALS BY PHOTCURING	
APPLICANTS FOR DO/EO/US:	Davide Bellino, Anna Maria Zanellato	
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10.	<input type="checkbox"/> A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(5)).	
11.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98.	
12.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An assignment for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 3.28 and 3.31 is included.	
13.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A FIRST preliminary amendment. <input type="checkbox"/> A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.	
14.	<input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.	
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